

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Response, claims 37-41, 43, 44, 46, 53, 54, and 58 are amended and claims 34, 47, and 55 are cancelled. Claims 1-33, 42, 45, 48, 51, and 52 were previously cancelled. Accordingly, claims 35-41, 43, 44, 46, 49, 50, 53, 54, and 58 are currently pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, claims 35, 36, 49, 50, 56, and 57 have been allowed. Claims 37-41, 43, 44, 46, 53, 54, and 58 have been amended to depend from allowed claims 35, 49 or 56. Applicant believes claims 37-41, 43, 44, 46, 53, 54, and 58 to be allowable as well.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

In the Office Action, claims 34, 37-41, 43, 44, 46, 47, 53-55, and 58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,790,536 (Mahany et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,275,166 (del Castillo et al.), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,673,252 (Johnson et al.).

Claims 34, 47, and 55 are cancelled, and therefore this rejection is moot with respect to those claims. Claims 37-41, 43, 44, 46, 53, 54, and 58 have been amended to change their dependencies to allowed claims 35, 49 or 56. The amendments to claims 37-41, 43, 44, 46, 53, 54, and 58 are non-substantive, and accordingly, Applicant believes that the amendments do not warrant a new search or substantive consideration. Accordingly, Applicant believes that it is appropriate to enter the amendments, and that this rejection has been overcome with respect to

claims 37-41, 43, 44, 46, 53, 54, and 58. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests their allowance.

I. CONCLUSION

In view of Applicant's amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Examiner's rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is therefore earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' attorneys at 480-385-5060.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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